GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLLUTION IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any representatives from Members of Parliament/Non-Government Organizations and other people regarding adverse impact as a result of pollution in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government and The Central Pollution Control Board have conducted any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A large number of representations have been received during last three years from Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and individuals expressing concerns over pollution in Delhi and its impact. The representations have highlighted issues relating to industrial pollution, shifting of industries from non-conforming /residential areas, operation of Diesel Generator(DG) sets without acoustic enclosures, burning of garbage etc.

(c) to (e) The steps initiated for mitigating and abating pollution in Delhi include:

Monitoring of ambient air quality at seven locations in Delhi including residential areas, industrial areas and traffic intersection by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB);
Introduction of Bharat Stage III norms at manufacturing stage for vehicles;
Introduction of cleaner fuel in public transport;
Use of beneficiated coal in thermal power plants; and
A Source Apportionment Study initiated in Delhi for ascertaining contribution from various sources to air pollution.